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Good. It works for me.Jim.

>>> Mindy Landau 03/19/02 08:25AM >>> *EDO*
 Jim,

Thanks for the sensitivity. I ran this by Sam Collins and other NRR staff this morning and the collective opinion seems to be that both the letter and bulletin conform to the criteria. In the SHSI memo, we state that construction details, wall thicknesses, barrier dimensions, etc., should be withheld if they would be of clear and significant benefit to a terrorist in a potential attack. Though this is a judgment call, Sam felt in this case, providing the necessary safety information overrides any potentially sensitive information that might be alluded to in the description.

>>> Jim Dyer 03/19/02 08:01AM >>> *RTH*
 Mindy,

If I read this correctly, then the Davis Besse Bulletin that we are developing (or developed by now) would need to be redacted since it contains specific information on barrier thickness. I am referring to page 4, item 3. I know this response is still a work in progress, but should we review the Bulletin for this restriction or should we consider revising our response to the commission. It seems to me that the information in the bulletin is helpful to understand the issue and the urgency of the agency and expected industry actions.

Jim.

>>> Mindy Landau 03/14/02 01:39PM >>> *EDO*
 Attached is a draft memorandum to the Commission which responds to an SRM dated January 25, 2002 on this subject. Staff representing various offices directly impacted by this topic have participated in a working group which helped to develop the response and the revised guidance. We anticipate keeping the working group intact for a few months longer to assist in clarifying this guidance to other members of your staff who handle certain types of information. Because of the Commission's strong interest in this topic, please notify me by March 20 if you have any problems with the memo.

Thanks,

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